

Dear Sirs:

I am a federally licensed amateur radio operator. It is my understanding that the proposed BPL system would create a new source of interference within the high frequency bands of the amateur service.

I have recently become an active amateur, and have made improvements to my equipment; the value of these improvements is well over \$1500. I have secured the permission of my homeowners association to install an outdoor wire antenna. To obtain their approval, I explained that the federal government has an interest in promoting amateur radio, since we can provide emergency communications and can be trained as first responders. To deny the installation of an antenna defeats the goals in which the federal government has this interest.

The creation of caustic interference within these frequencies will similarly defeat the goals of the amateur service. One need only review recent catastrophic events (9/11, the Columbia accident) to see this value. I believe the introduction of this interference should not be permitted by the FCC.

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